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PUBLIC NOTICE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE SEABROOK ISLAND BEACHFRONT BASELINE AND 40-YEAR SETBACK LINE

On August 19, 2008, the DHEC Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management held a public hearing with a 30-day public review and comment period on proposed revisions to the position of the baseline and 40-year setback line, the state's beachfront jurisdictional lines, for Seabrook Island in Charleston County. DHEC-OCRM is mandated by the Beachfront Management Act to review all baselines and setback lines in the eight coastal counties every 8 to 10 years. The current baseline and setback line at Seabrook Island were adopted in April 1999; the 2-year window for the line review on Seabrook Island falls between April 2007 and April 2009.

Since that initial public hearing and public comment period DHEC-OCRM has further revised the proposed location of the baseline and setback line for the North Beach section of Seabrook Island, located to the northeast of Ocean Forest Lane. Maps showing the current and proposed revised jurisdictional lines for Seabrook Island, including the newly revised North Beach area, will be available for review and comment at the DHEC-OCRM offices located in Myrtle Beach at 927 Shine Ave., in Beaufort at 104 Parker Drive, and in Charleston at 1362 McMillan Ave., Suite 400, for a 30-day period starting December 19, 2008. A second public hearing will not be held, but all interested persons who attended the first public hearing or provided written comments during the first public comment period will be notified.

All interested persons are encouraged to view the revised baseline and setback line positions and provide written comments to the DHEC-OCRM office at 1362 McMillan Ave., Suite 400, Charleston, SC, 29405. All comments must be received by DHEC-OCRM within the 30-day public comment period that will close on January 18, 2009. On January 19, 2009, the revised jurisdictional baseline and setback line will become final and will officially replace all previously determined lines for Seabrook Island, unless substantiating evidence has been submitted during the public comment period that suggests the proposed revised lines may be in error.

For further information please contact DHEC-OCRM project manager Bill Eiser at 843-953-0237.

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